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Notes:	The Hargrave Village Sign erected on The Green on Saturday July 19 <sup>th</sup> 1986.

## Hargrave Village Sign

The villagers of Hargrave were determined to celebrate and commemorate the Silver Jubilee of Elizabeth II. A Jubilee Committee was formed from volunteers and plans were made for a party at the village hall on Tuesday 7th June 1977. Some of the memories of those events can be found in personal articles elsewhere on this website.

The Committee were however, also tasked with identifying and providing a longer lasting memorial, and it was soon decided that a new village sign to be sited on The Green would be an ideal choice. A potential design for the new sign was soon produced by Martin Bourne depicting a hare in a grove of trees. However it took several years to raise the necessary funds to enable the project to be delivered.

The sign itself was made by joinery firm Messrs Gaze and Stebbings and was set in a plinth built and erected by local residents Mr Dennis Plummer and Mr Frank Morley.

The day of the grand unveiling of the finished sign was Saturday July 19th 1986 witnessed by a large crowd of expectant villagers. The formalities were conducted by Parish Council Chairman Mr J F Fearnley and as part of his speech he thanked the Jubilee Committee for their efforts in fundraising started nearly 10 years previously. In addition he complemented them on the quality of the end product.

To further celebrate the event a barbeque was held later that evening at the home of Mr Mapperley, Chairman of the Jubilee Committee with entertainment provided by local folk band "Ancient and Modern".

